

## **ROANOKE VALLEY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES OCTOBER 17, 2011**

The Roanoke Valley Human Rights Committee met on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare Children's Center, 3517 Brandon Avenue, Roanoke, VA.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jay Fields – Chair  
Joseph Kinchloe – Vice Chair  
Nancy Fields  
Joanne Baker

### **DBHDS-OHR STAFF**

Nan Neese-Advocate

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Martha Pillow  
Robin Jordan

### **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF**

Betsy Walker

### **AFFILIATES REPRESENTED**

A Better Life Counseling – Shenetta Reid  
A Shining Light, Inc. – Dawn Laprad, Donnie DeGeorg  
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare – Tim Steller, Betty Bingham  
Braley Thompson – Lisa McDowell  
Cee – Breeze – Marc Bush  
CHIP – Denise Ellis  
DePaul Community Services – Sondra Stephens  
Didlake – Mitzi Hartwell  
Family Service Roanoke Valley – Vickie Haynie, Karen Pillis  
Fidura & Associates – Cassie Huskey  
Goodwill Roanoke Valley - Lynda Edgehill  
HopeTree – Will Childers  
Lamano Agency – Eric Gordon  
Lutheran Family Services – Tresha Lafon  
Mayo Residential Services – Edna Vernon  
National Counseling – Sonia Herron, Brian Hoff  
Support Services – Jennifer Gobble, Tracie Creasy, Michelle Lanier, Ashley Ross

1. Call to order/welcome  
Jay Fields, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. Introductions/Citizen Comments  
Members of the Committee and providers introduced themselves.

### **ACTION AGENDA**

3. Approval of August 8, 2011 minutes  
Approval of September 28, 2011 minutes (called meeting)

Nancy Fields motioned the minutes of August 8 and September 28, 2011 be accepted as presented; Joseph Kinchloe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **INFORMATION AGENDA**

4. Advocate Report – Nan Neese informed the Committee and providers the Region is currently operating with just the two Advocates. Nan and BJ McKnight will be considering how to best assure advocacy coverage within such a large geographical services area.

5. **Annual Reports**

The following providers presented their Annual Reports, updated Provider Information Sheets, program descriptions and answered questions from the committee:

A Better Life Counseling

A Shining Light, Inc

Blue Ridge Residential Service ( Absent-request to present in December)

Lamano Agency

Support Systems

6. Affiliation change notifications

**National Counseling Group, Inc.** – Request to extend affiliation to provide Therapeutic Day Treatment four new schools in Roanoke City (letter enclosed) Also request for affiliation to cover the new office located in Christiansburg ( letter enclosed) Brian Hoff/Sonia Herron present to answer questions.

Joanne Baker motioned to approve the request to extend the license to cover affiliation with four new schools in Roanoke and the new office in the New River Valley; Nancy Fields seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Lutheran Family Services** – request to add a location to their existing Intensive In-Home Services license (letter included).

Joe Kinchloe motioned to allow the service be added to the Minnick Education site; Joann Baker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**The Lamano Agency** – notification of separation of providers (letters included) Eric Gordon reported some providers have chosen to separate from the agency; there were no problems, they couldn't locate a match for the provider.

7. Quarterly Reports were included in the committee packet for review. The Committee had some questions and they were answered by the providers in attendance.
8. Other Business  
Betty Bingham reminded the providers that there needs to be a providers meeting to discuss the annual budget and other business. Cassie Husky with Fidura will host the meeting with Betty Bingham. A date will be decided and announced.
9. Next Committee meeting date – December 12, 2011
10. Meeting adjourned at 3:45p.m.

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Jay Fields, Chair

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Date approved

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Betsy Walker- Admin Support

